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SUBJECT: SECVISIT/ CENTO: SECRETARY'S OPENING SPEECH

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1. UPON RETURN FROM AREA ORIENTATION TOUR FOLLOWING CENTO MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE, NEA REGIONAL POLITICAL ADVISER HAS JUST REVIEWED TELEGRAPHIC TRAFFIC GENERATED BY CONFERENCE, INCLUDING REFTEL.

2. AS RECEIVED, ENTIRE REFERENCE BY SECSTATE TO MIDDLE EAST IS JUST ONE PARAGRAPH: " I THINK, MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, IT IS INTERESTING THIS SEEMS TO BE THE ONE AREA IN THE WORLD WHERE THIS IS A MAJOR CONFLICT WHERE THE PARTIES HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY DISCUSS THEIR DIFFERENCES. IT IS THE ONLY AREA IN THE WORLD NOW REMAINING WHERE NO NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED, AND WE THINK THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR THAT PROCESS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THERE IS ANYTHING THE UNITED NATIONS CAN DO AS A BODY TO MAKE THE PARTIES COME TO AN AGREEMENT, REACH A SETTLEMENT. WE THINK IT IS VITALLY

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IMPORTANT THAT THE PARTIES START A SERIOUS NEGOTIATING
PROCESS OF SOME KIND."

3. THIS FOLLOWS PARAGRAPH ENDING: " CERTAINLY, IF THERE
IS ANY LESSON WE HAVE LEARNED IN HISTORY IT IS THAT
MILITARY WEAKNESS, LACK OF RESOLVE, IS AN INVITATION TO
AGGRESSION. AND REALLY, THAT IS WHAT THIS MEETING IS
ABOUT, IT SEEMS TO ME." NEXT PARAGRAPH COMMENCES: " IN
THE PERSIAN GULF WE SEE AN AREA OF VAST DIMENSION..."

4. SECSTATE GAVE CONSIDERABLE EMPHASIS TO MIDDLE EAST
IN THIS SPEECH, WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO SECURITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 242 AS BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS THERE. COULD
USIS CHECK ORIGINAL DRAFT OF OUTGOING USINFO WHICH WAS
CONVERTED TO REGULAR STATE TELEGRAM IN SECTO SERIES OR
RECHECK TAPE OF SECSTATE' S SPEECH TO SEE IF THERE IS
NOT MORE EXTENSIVE REFERENCE TO MIDDLE EAST? ROGERS

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